

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A connection between two components comprising a steering mechanism component and a steering column component of a motor vehicle steering system, having the connection comprising a steering coupling which connects these two components, is attached by the steering coupling has one end attached to one of the two components and, at the other end, bears another end having a coupling piece movable in an articulated manner about an axis of articulation, said coupling piece forming a connecting partner with the other component in each case and having and comprises two clamping jaws which, after the coupling piece has been pivoted about the axis of articulation, engage around a section of the other component, and having a clamping screw which is inserted into two aligned openings formed in the clamping jaws and aligned with each other, and , the screw is screwed into a thread in such a manner that the section which is engaged around is secured by the clamping jaws, wherein at least one bolt (14) is arranged on one of the coupling piece (5) or on its and the connecting partner (1), to which the coupling piece (5) is connected with clamping action, said bolt engaging engages, in a connecting position, in a groove (15) of the other of connecting partner (1, 5) in each case,) and coupling piece, the groove (15) having an end section (17) which, with respect to the an axial extent of the connecting partner (1, 5) or coupling piece bearing said groove,

runs perpendicularly in ~~the~~ a vertical direction ~~and in which~~ ,
wherein the bolt (14) has its an end position, and wherein the
groove (15) is open in the vertical direction at the an end (18)
remote from the end position, wherein the groove (15) widens in
a funnel-shaped manner following the end section (17) toward the
end (18) remote from the end position.

2. (original) The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
groove (15) is in the shape of a circular arc, the associated,
imaginary circle being at least approximately concentric with
the imaginary circle of pivoting movement of the coupling piece
(5).

3. (canceled).

4. (original) The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
coupling piece (5) has a stop (16) which bears, in the
connecting position, against the upper side of the steering
spindle journal (9), and wherein the groove (15) is open upward.

5. (original) The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
coupling piece (5) has a stop (16) which bears, in the
connecting position, against the lower side (23) of the steering
spindle journal (9), and wherein the groove (15) is open
downward.

6. (canceled).

7. (canceled).

8. (original) The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein, on at least one of the connecting partners (1, 5), two parallel grooves (15) are arranged on opposite sides (12) of the connecting partner (1, 5).

9. (original) The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bolt (14) is mounted rotatably in the manner of a roller on the associated connecting partner (1, 5).

10. (original) The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein the thread (20) is formed in a weld-on nut (21) which is fastened to the outside (22) of one clamping jaw (6) of the clamping piece (5).

11. (original) The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein that section (9) of the connecting partner (1) which is engaged around has, on its lower side (23), a transverse channel (24) having a semicircular cross section.

12. (original) The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein that section (9) of the connecting partner (1) which is engaged around has a screw passage hole running transversely.

13. (original) The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coupling piece (5) has a U shape in cross section, the limbs of the U shape forming the clamping jaws (6, 7) and the base of the U shape bearing, in the connecting position, against the facing circumferential region (11) of that section (9) of the connecting partner (1) which is engaged around, and wherein the sides (12) of that section of (9) of the connecting partner (1)

which is engaged around that lie opposite the clamping jaws (6, 7) are flattened.